age group of 5-14 years. The basis of estimate given by NGOs referred in the question is not known.

(b) Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, children are prohibited under the hazardous occupations and processes which are listed under the Act. The list is being progressively expanded. Under the recent Notification issued on 10th October 2006, two more categories of occupations have been added to this prohibited list bringing a total of 15 occupations and 57 processes under the prohibited list. The list includes processes in agriculture, where tractors, threshing and harvesting machines are used and chaff cutting.

(c) The Government has launched Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) under the Ministry of Human Resource Development to provide education to all the children in the country in the age group of 6-14 years. These efforts are supplemented by this Ministry's scheme of National Child Labour Project (NCLP), under which working children, who constitute one of the most difficult segments of child population, are put in special schools, and provided enabling environment so as to prepare them to join mainstream education.

Tripartite Committee for Pharmaceutical industry

2357. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recommendation for setting up of an Industrial Tripartite Committee for Pharmaceutical industry is under consideration of the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.